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November 10, 2015

Light of Life Ministries, Inc.
160 Riverside Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

Re: W272BV (FX), Yarmouth, ME
Light of Life Ministries, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 145419
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20151013ABH

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed October 13, 2015 on behalf of Light of Life Ministries, Inc. ("Light of Life"). Translator station W272BV went silent on November 10, 2014, and the station must resume operation no later than November 10, 2015 to avoid automatic cancellation of the translator license pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act. This STA filing proposes operation from a temporary location, pending the filing and grant of a construction permit application for a permanent location.

By letter dated November 9, 2015, I denied the initial request for special temporary authority due to safety considerations. Light of Life submitted a letter on November 10, 2015 specifying a new location at one watt effective radiated power. Consequently, the November 9 denial is rescinded, and the STA request reinstated, in order that we can consider the revised request.

We conclude that the amended STA request for temporary facilities requested is acceptable, and the STA IS GRANTED with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	43° 47' 38" N, 70° 11' 22.7" W (NAD 27)
Channel	272D (102.3 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.001 kW (H&V) circularly polarized
Antenna height:	
above ground:	5 meters
above mean sea level:	35 meters
above average terrain:	-3 meters
Supporting structure height:	5 meters

On the same date that W272BV commences operations pursuant to this STA, the licensee (or its representative) shall confirm the start of STA operations via an e-mail to Dale Bickel, dale.bickel@fcc.gov. This date will be entered into the Commission's CDBS database to indicate that the station has resumed broadcasting. Light of Life must also file a Resumption of Operations notice in the Commission's CDBS database system.

Light of Life must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on February 9, 2016.

We remind the licensee that the station's license will expire as a matter of law upon twelve consecutive months of silence [**ending November 10, 2015**], notwithstanding the grant of the present STA. See Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1) (1996) and Order, Silent Station Authorizations, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). See also Public Notice, *Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). Please be aware that unauthorized operations – operations with facilities not authorized by a current STA or license – do not count as a resumption of operations within one year for the purposes of Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, and cannot be used to avoid the consequences of Section 312(g). See *A-O Broadcasting Corporation*, FCC 08-10, 23 FCC Rcd 603, released January 8, 2008.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel", written in a cursive style.

Dale Bickel
Senior Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Lee Petro (via e-mail only)